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TAGS: EAGR, EAID, OVIP (SECRETARY SIMON)

SUBJECT: PL 480; SHAZLI REQUEST TO SIGN AGREEMENT

REF (A) CAIRO 1665 (B) STATE 030015

1. MINSUPPLY SHAZLI TELEPHONED THIS MORNING TO INQUIRE RE STATUS OF SECOND PL 480 WHAT/WHEAT FLOUR AGREEMENT ABOUT WHICH HE HAD CALLED EARLIER (REFTEL A). HE REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT IT COULD BE SIGNED SOONEST TO PERMIT ORDERLY SCHEDULING OF PROCUREMENT DURING THE FEW REMAINING MONTHS OF PRESENT FISCAL YEAR. DRAWING ON REFTEL B, I GAVE HIM STATUS AND INDICATED WE HOPED HAVE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION COMPLETED TO PERMIT SIGNING BY SECRETARY SIMON WHEN HE VISITS CAIRO ON MARCH 6. (IF THIS IS WHAT WE PLAN TO DO, I SEE NO REASON WHY KNOWLEDGE OF IT SHOULD NOT BE CONVEYED TO EGYPTIANS FOR THEIR OWN PLANNING PURPOSES.)

2. SHAZLI EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SIGNING CANNOT TAKE PLACE EARLIER. NOTING HE PLANS DEPART FOR US ON FEBRUARY 21 FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IN HOUSTON, HE INQUIRED IF THERE MIGHTNOT BE SOME WAY TO SIGN AGREEMENT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. I TOLD HIM THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED TAKE A BIT OF TIME AND THAT I DID NOT BELIEVE WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SIGN UNTIL EARLY MARCH. COULD HE

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NOT HAVE ANOTHER MINISTER DESIGNATED TO SIGN IN HIS

ABSENCE? HE INDICATED HIS UNDER SECRETARY MAKKAWI
COULD SIGN FOR MINSUPPLY.

3. I SUGGESTED THAT SINCE SECRETARY
SIMON WOULD PROBABLY SIGN FOR US SIDE, GOE SHOULD ALSO
DESIGNATE A CABINET MINISTER TO DO SO. AFTER TRYING
OUT IDEA OF SEVERAL OTHER OF HIS SENIOR MINSUPPLY
DEPUTIES SIGNING, SHAZLI FINALLY AGREED THAT HE
WOULD DEPUTE MINTRADE ZAKARIA TEWFIK ABDEL FATTAH
TO SIGN FOR GOE.

4. COMMENT: THIS ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST ASSURES
THAT EGYPTIAN CABINET LEVEL MINISTER WILL SIGN WITH
SECRETARY SIMON AND THAT WE GET OPTIMUM IMPACT FOR
THE SIGNING.
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